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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM ALEC HUNTER HUMANITIES COLLEGE 19 December 2008—Issue 15 Wk A

HEADLINES from ANDREW HUTCHINSON

Dear Family

Seasons greetings to our whole College community and Christmas is well and truly being celebrated at Alec Hunter Humanities College. Festivities abound with the wonderful Year 7 show last week, our Christmas fayre on Saturday and our Christmas Concert on Tuesday. It has been a hectic but wonderful time for everyone. Many thanks to all staff, students and parents that helped to make these events such a success.

On Wednesday we had our Christmas lunch and, for the first time, some tutors had a special meal with their tutor group, with some special treats. Some students were a little confused to see members of the Leadership Group, including myself, serving lunch rather than being on duty.

Our week has also been full of Celebration Assemblies, where nearly 800 individual and class awards have been presented for a whole range of achievements. Well done to all.

Everyone at Alec Hunter Humanities College wishes you a very Happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful new year.

Term starts on Monday 5 January 2009 on a Week B.

THURSDAY 8 JANUARY MOCK RESULTS DAY—COLLEGE WILL BE OPEN FOR YEAR 11 ONLY DURING PERIODS 1 AND 2. ALL OTHER STUDENTS START AT 11.00 AM.

STUDENT NAME

TERM DATES

SPRING TERM

5 January 2009—3 April 2009

HALF TERM

16—20 February 2009

INSET DAY

Friday 13 February 2009

COLLEGE OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Visitors Reception

8.15 am - 4.15 pm Mon-Thurs

8.15 am - 3.45 pm Friday

Student Reception

8.30 am - 3.25 pm Mon-Fri

STUDENT ABSENCE HOTLINE AND E-MAIL

We would be grateful if parents reporting absence would use our new service:

Tel: 01376 559356

Email:

jackie.jackson@alechunter.essex.sch.uk

Please note this telephone number does **not** receive text messages.

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LINE MANAGEMENT

Please find below our line management arrangements for students. The first point of call for enquiries should be your child's tutor and then their Pastoral Manager. Our Achievement Co-ordinators focus on your child's progress in lessons. Also included are the Leadership Group responsibilities for each Curriculum Area to help parents in knowing who to approach for assistance.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Form Tutors				
Mrs Barnes Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mrs Porter Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader	Mr Deeks Pastoral Leader
Mr Moreno Achievement Co-ordinator	Mrs Stringer Achievement Co- ordinator	Miss Jones Achievement Co- ordinator	Mrs Stalker Achievement Co -ordinator	Mrs Ogilvie Achievement Co- ordinator
Mrs Richards Assistant Headteacher – KS3 Director			Mrs Forster Assistant Headteacher – KS4 Director	

Should you have a subject-related query, for example, homework, e-folio, the first port of contact should be with the class teacher. Listed below are the Heads of each Curriculum Area.

Subject	Head of Curriculum Area	Senior Leader
English	Mrs Mitchell	Mrs Forster
Maths	Mr Govender	Mrs Hills
Science	Mrs Stevens	Mrs Richards
Geography/History/RE	Mr Guilford	Mr Birley
Technology and Art	Mr Todd	Mr Hutchinson
French/German/Spanish	Mrs Bradley	Mr Lawn
ICT	Ms Walker	Mr Birley
PE/Drama/Music	Mr Edwards	Mrs Hills
Citizenship	Mrs Hewes	Mr Birley
Personal Development	Mrs Artus (Co-ordinator)	Mrs Richards

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LISTENING CHAMPIONS



YEAR 11 COURSEWORK DEADLINES

The following Year 11 coursework deadlines are:

9 January 2009	Applied Business	1F Location
9 January 2009	Textiles/Res Mat/Gra	Objective 5

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A big thank you to the following people for their hard work on Saturday 13th December at our Christmas Fayre:

Shelly Humphrey, Susan Humms, Teresa Addington, Suzanne and Darren Blackburn, Louise Miller, Jemima Paine, Miss Mills, Mr Moreno, Mr and Mrs Truscott and Kayleigh Truscott, Mr Blick, Mr Birley, Mr Kersey, Mrs Govender, Mrs Kirk, Mrs Warrington, Charlie Schofield, Alex Jenkins, Stephen Spice, Hannah Burnitt, Maria Thomas, Sophie Miller, Abbie Murkin, Abbie Pillet, Rochelle Cox, Bradley Artus and Adam Artus, Student Craft Club and Alec Hunter Choir.

Special thanks go to Mrs Artus who arranged the fayre.

CLASSROOM CODE OF CONDUCT

SIT SENSIBLY ON CHAIRS

MEET THE TEAM



NAME: Mrs Kay Cook-Abbott

POSITION: Cover Supervisor/
Invigilator

**HOLIDAY DESTINATION MOST
LIKE TO VISIT:** Nashville

FAVOURITE FOOD: Egg and Chips

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Johnny Depp

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN: Her Dad

INTERESTS: Music, Singing

DID YOU KNOW: Mrs Cook-Abbott used to be a semi-professional musician and was a support act for Frank Ifield. She also once made a cold cup of coffee for Little Mo from Eastenders!

HEADTEACHER'S SURGERY TIMES

Monday 5 January 2009 9.00 am

Thursday 8 January 2009 3.30 pm

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**SCIENCE YEAR 10 AND 11 REVISION PROGRAMME
3.20 PM—4.20 PM**

Core Unit 1 Revision sessions B1,C1,P1

Date	Topic	Teacher	Room
Wed 7 th Jan	You and your genes	Mrs Hoenderkamp	F2
Thurs 8 th Jan	Air quality	Mrs Stevens	F5
Friday 9 th Jan	The earth in the universe	Mrs Stalker	F3

Core Unit 2 Revision sessions B2,C2,P2

Date	Topic	Teacher	Room
Wed 7 th Jan	Material Choices	Mrs Stevens	F5
Thurs 8 th Jan	Keeping Healthy	Mrs Richards	F7
Friday 9 th Jan	Radiation and Life	Mr Booth	F6

Core Unit 3 Revision sessions B3,C3,P3

Date	Topic	Teacher	Room
Wed 14 th Jan	Food Matters	Mrs Stalker	F2
Thurs 15 th Jan	Life on earth	Mrs Richards	F7
Friday 16 th Jan	Radioactive Materials	Mr Lee	F4

Applied Science Revision sessions

Date	Topic	Teacher	Room
Wed 14 th Jan	Agriculture and Food	Mrs Stevens	F5
Thurs 15 th Jan	Life Care	Mrs Hoenderkamp	F2
Friday 16 th Jan	Scientific Detection	Mrs Stevens	F5

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Do you need help with computers or e-folio, if so why not come to A5 on a Friday lunchtime—1.05-1.50.

If you can't make Friday lunchtime the Library is open after college every day from 3.20-5.00 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to **Bethany Rose** in 8L who, on the 14 December, competed in a Tang Soo Do Competition and took 3rd place.

She is currently a Blue belt in this sport.

REVISION GUIDES

Year 10 and 11 students. Please ask your science teacher for a letter showing your choices in buying revision books. Return completed letter and money to your teacher to purchase the guides.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students please see Mr Booth.

Revision guides can be used to prepare for exams and to help with your homework. Mrs Stevens

PARENT KNOW HOW

PARENTS CONCERNED ABOUT CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH

Helpline:

Young Minds Parents' Information Service

0800 018 2138 (Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm and Wed 6pm-8pm)

Mental health helpline

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.alehunter.com



GERMAN MARKETS VISIT

On the 5 December 2008 a group of about 40 students went to the German Christmas Markets.

The Cathedral was enormous and felt really magical inside and big. The Christmas Markets were beautiful and were lit up with Christmas lights.

The floating market was really pretty and got us all into the Christmas spirit. My friends and I were really exhausted by the end of the weekend.

We would like to thank all of the staff who accompanied us and organised such a lovely weekend.

Bronwyn Morley—9N

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

The Jack Petchey award for December is Jordan Clarke in Year 7.

Jordan has been nominated for being a good Citizen, supporting peers in the playground and generally being a help to everyone around him. Well done Jordan!!

The following websites are from the Jack Petchey Foundation site for students, some of them may be of interest to you.

www.youthnet.org

www.worldwidevolunteering.org.uk

www.world-challenge.co.uk/

www.lattitude.org.uk

www.fulcrum-challenge.org.uk

www.aircadets.org.uk

www.scouts.org.uk

www.met.police.uk/cadets

E-FOLIO AT ALEC HUNTER

You are probably aware that E-folio is a fantastic service for our students. It is an online learning environment where students can log on (via the website) and access homework and classwork tasks, email their teachers and communicate with each other.

We will shortly be putting up a guide to E-folio on the website to help parents access the service.

Please discuss E-folio with your child and find out more.

WERE YOU A PUPIL AT ALEC HUNTER?

On our website we now have an Alumni section where you can post an account of what you are doing now and find out what others are doing.

YEAR 8 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who won memory sticks in the recent Year 8 assembly:

Most Pink Slips

Lauren Evans	8A
Lucyanna Abbott	8T

Unmarked Uniform Cards

Ryan Vickery	8N
Laura Rose	8T

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